Decreasing number of tribals in Andaman and Nicobar

2246. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that population of aboriginals (Tribes) in Andaman and Nicobar has been decreasing during the last five decades and some tribes are extinct now;

(b) the reasons for their decreasing number; and

(c) the action Government are going to take for welfare of aboriginals ?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) The population of aboriginals (Tribes) in Andaman and Nicobar has increased from 18102 as per 1971 Census to 22361 as per 1981 Census and further increased 26,770 as per 1991 Census. As per the figures reported by the Registrar General of India (RGI), no tribe is extinct.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Various development and welfare programmes are being implemented by the UT Administration of Andaman & Nicobar Islands. In addition to this, the Government of India also provides 100% Central Assistance under various schemes/programmes for socio-economic development of aboriginals (tribes).

Loan given by NSTFDC

2247. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the various purposes and the organisations to which the National Scheduled Tribe Finance and Development Corporation gives loan;

(b) whether Adivasi Vikas Parishad is also granted loan;

(c) if so, the upper limit fixed for giving loan to Adivasi Vikas Parishad and other organisations;

(d) whether it is a fact that the upper limit of thirty lakhs has now been brought down to ten lakhs; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUALORAM): (a) National Scheduled Tribes Finance and Development Corporation (NSTFDC) provides